any boy in town. We "cleaned out" six big chestnut-trees, and then turned our attention to the hickories. There was a splendid tall shagbark close by, with branches they loaded with the white nuts in their open stacks. They were all ready to drop, and when the shaking once commenced, the nuts came down like a shower of hall, bounding from the rocks, rattling among the dry leaves, and keeping up a clatter all around. We erambled on all fours, and gathered them by quarts and quarts. There was no need of poking over the leaves for them, the ground was covered with their bleached shells, all in plain sight. While busily engaged, we noticed an emisons luft among the branches overhead. "But ! 'set !" wirispored Shoopegg up above :

"I see old Turner on his white horse down the road youder." "Cossing this way?" also in a whisper, from below. "I dume yit, but I jest guess you'd better

be gittin' reddy to leg it, for he's hitchin' his old nag 'th side o' the road. Yis, sir, I bleeve he's a-cumia'. Shoopegg, yea'd better be gittin' sout o' this," and he commenced to drop hap-hazard from his lofty perch. In a moment, however, he seemed to change his mind, and paused, once more upon the watch. "Say, ing for a retreat, " he's gome off to'rd the cedars; he ain't cummia' this way at all." So he again ascended into the tree-top, and finished his shaking in peace, and we our picking also. There was still another tree, with elegant large branch tips. Shoopegg was up among them in two minutes, and they were showered down in torrents as before. And what spleadid, perfect nuts they were! We bagged them with eager hands, picked the ground all clean, and with folly chuckles at our hick were just about thinking of starting for home with our wellrounded sacks, when a change came o'er the spirit of our dreams. There was a suspicious noise in the shrubbery near by, and in a mo-

ment more we heard our doom. "Jest yeu look eeah, yen boys," exclaimed a high-pitched voice from the neighboring shrubbery, accompanied by the form of Descon Turner, approaching at a brick pace, hardly thirty feet away. "Don't you think you've got. jest about enuff o' them nuts !"

Of course a wild panie ensued, in which we made for the bage and dear life, but Turner was prepared and ready for the emergency, and raising a huge old shot-gun, he sevelled it, and yelled, "Don't any on ye stir her move, or by Christopher I'll blow the heads clean off'n the hull pile on ye. I'd shoot ye quicker'n light-

and his whole expression was not that of a man who was trifling. I never shall forget the uncomfortable sensation that I experienced as I looked into the muzzle of that doubled barrelied shot-gun, and saw both hammers fully raised too. And I can see now the squint and the glazing eye that glanced along those barreis. There was a wonderful persuasive power to inform the deacon that we were "not going same as the model that he had kicked to pieces to run."

"Wa'al," he drawled, "It looked a lettle that way, I thort, a spell ago," and he still kep us in the field of his weapon, till at length ! exclaimed, in desperation: "Point that gun in some other way, will

ye." The bags were speedily replaced, and he script.

"Wa'al, naow," he continued, as he came into the minds of his pupils by making them up in our midst, "this is putty bixness, sin't count a hundred slowly before speaking, or, in it? Bin havin' a putty lively sort o' time teu, a matter of importance, five hundred. Finish-I sh'd jedge from the looks o' these 'ere bags. | ing a lecture upon the subject, he took his stand One—two—siz on 'em, an' I vaow they must be by the stove, and after some minutes observed nigh on teu two an' a half bushel in every that the lips of all his scholars were moving pleggy one on 'em. Wa'al, naow"-with his slowly and noiselessly. Presently and simulpeculiar drawl-"look ceah: you're a putty taneously they all broke out : "Four hundred ondustrious lot o' thieves, I'm blest if ye ain't." But the descon did all the talking, for his manœuvres were such as to render us speechless. "Putty likely place teu cum a-nuttin' ain't it ?" Pause. "Putty nice mess o'shellbarks ye got thar. I tell ye. Quite a night o' chestnuts in

yourn, ain't they ?" There was only one spoken side to this dislogue, but the pauses were eloquent on both sides, and we boys kept up a deal of tall thinking as we watched the deacon alternate his gilb remarks by the gradual removal of the bage my labors among you. If I have to collect an to the foot of a neighboring tree. This done, he seated himself upon a rock beside them.

" Ther," he exclaimed, removing his tall hat and wiping his white-fringed forehead with a though a happy thought had struck him, what should he do but deliberately spit on his hands and grasp his gun. "Look ceah"-a pause, in which he cocked both barrels-"yeu boys wuz paowerful anxyls ten git away from each a hain't got nothin' more fer ye teu deu to-day." And bang ! went one of the gun-barrels directly over our heads.

We got, and when once out of gun range we paid the deacon a wealth of those rare compliments for both eye and ear that always swell the boy's vocabulary.-From "An Autumn Pastoral," by William H. Gibson, in Harper's Magazine for November.

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